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FIRE-CONTROL RADAR
7 NOVEMBER 1966 AND
1 MAY 1967
MOSKVA PARADES

NPIC/R-124/67 JULY 1967

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INTRODUCTION

In response to the DIA requirement DIA-17-67 (ST), the following information has been compiled and is an update of the analysis of the ZSU-23/4 fire-control radar previously published. 1/

This update is comprised basically of information derived from photographs of 7 November 1966 numbered which is to date the best quality photography (Figure 1) available of the drive mechanism assembly on the original radar model, and photography of 1 May 1967, which shows several modifications which have been effected in the radar drive assembly (Figure 2).



FIGURE 1. RIGHT SIDE OF THE FIRE-CONTROL RADAR, 7 NOVEMBER 1966.

ANALYSIS BASED ON 7 NOVEMBER 1966 PHOTOGRAPHY

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Photograph (Figure 1) shows the exterior face of the elevation drive mechanism is a stationary cover plate, rigidly secured by 13 fasteners, not including those along its bottom edge (Figure 3). These fasteners appear to secure this plate to a seat designed for this purpose. The seat ends at the outer ends of the radial cut on each side, then turns back under the circumferential edge, possibly forming a semicircular seat. The bottom edge of the cover plate incorporates a cutout which turns up and around the optical boresight calibrator. This bottom edge does not appear to make contact



FIGURE 2. THREE-QUARTER VIEW OF THE FIRE-CONTROL RADAR, 1 MAY 1967.

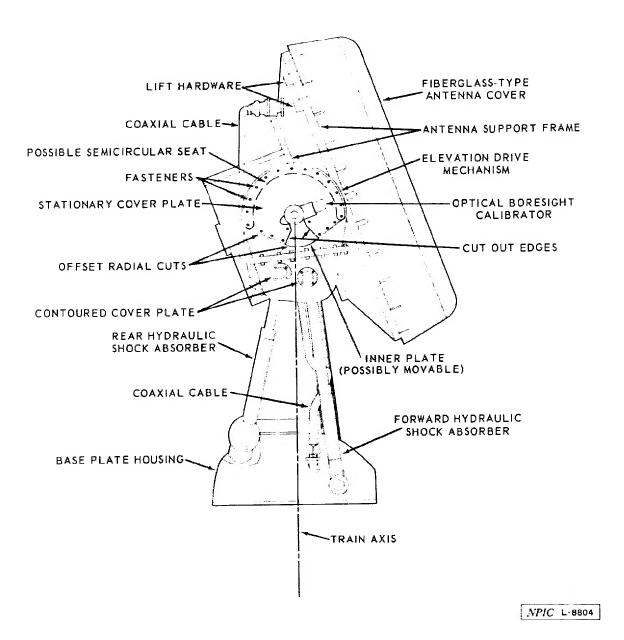


FIGURE 3. RIGHT SIDE OF THE FIRE-CONTROL RADAR, BASED ON 7 NOVEMBER 1966 PHOTOGRAPHY.

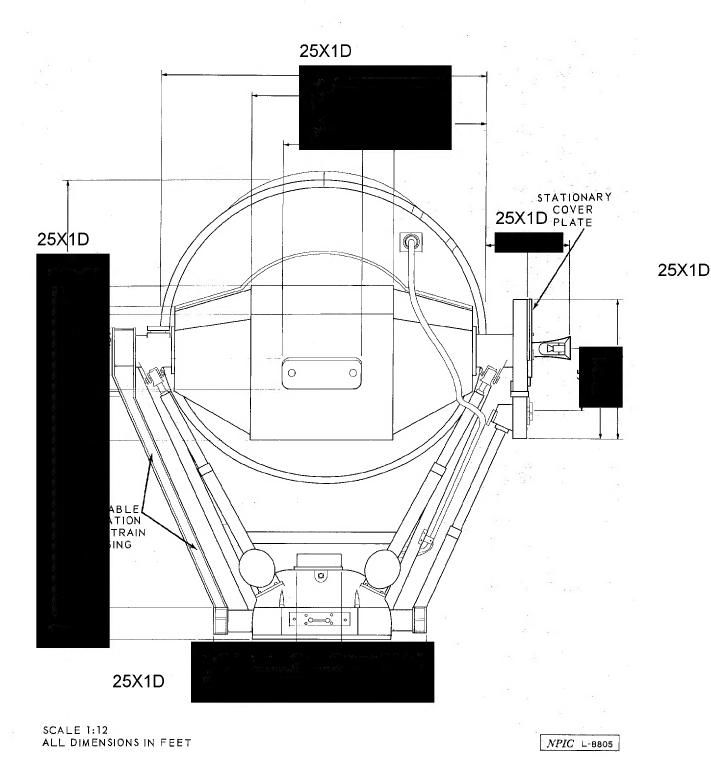


FIGURE 4. DIMENSIONAL DRAWING OF THE BACK OF THE FIRE-CONTROL RADAR, BASED ON 7 NOVEMBER 1966 PHOTOGRAPHY.

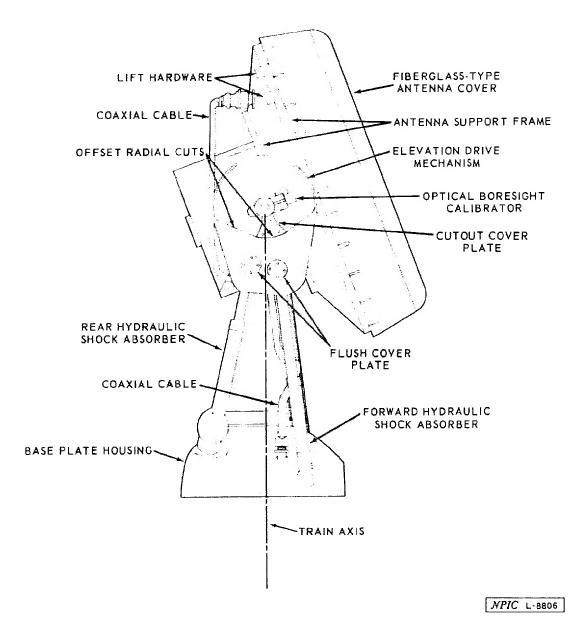


FIGURE 5. RIGHT SIDE OF THE FIRE-CONTROL RADAR, BASED ON 1 MAY 1967 PHOTOGRAPHY.

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with the primary casting along the previously reported radial cuts. The 8 or more fasteners along this edge could secure a backing plate to the cover plate. This would then serve as a stiffener.

The cutout mentioned above reveals a possible rotating plate which may have radial cuts similar to the cover plate, or it may possibly be completely circular.

Some additional details of the optical boresight calibrator were observed and are depicted on Figure 4.

ANALYSIS BASED ON 1 MAY 1967 PHOTOGRAPHY

shows certain modifications in the area of the drive mechanism assembly (Figure 2). Specifically, these modifications consist of the elimination of the previously reported stop plate, the addition of a plate covering the cutout described above, and the change from contoured cover plates (Figure 3) to flush-type plates (Figure 5) on the lower portion of the assembly. Of these modifications, the elimination of the stop plate is the most significant, as this would require a new casting for this entire assembly and would negate any externally visible need for the radial cut design of the upper portion of the assembly.

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